

Bridgerland Back Country Horsemen – Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/11/17 Presiding: Kelly Pitcher, President Called to order: 6:30pm

Chapter Business

Review and approval of April minutes

- Motion to approve – Bill Nickoli. Seconded – Dave Forsberg. Passed.

State Meeting Update - Kelly Pitcher

- Freddy Dunn is now the National BCHA President. The position of State Director is open for nominations. Please submit those to Kelly and he will pass them along. The voting will take place at the next state meeting, which will be by teleconference.
- Trail Stewardship - Documentation of all the work we do is critical! Everything we do in the back country needs to be recorded. This includes recon rides to scout what work needs to be done, the mileage and time hauling stock, the miles you ride, etc. Each chapter secretary is asked to submit YTD totals to the state each quarter. Get your numbers in to Heather so we can be represented properly!
- We have been advised to be cautious with any photos we post. We need to make sure nothing we post shows anyone not abiding by USFS rules. One specific example was a chapter that posted a video of their ride in a national park that showed multiple dogs running loose with them. Dogs are fine on rides, depending on each chapter's preferences, but dogs running loose is against the rules in all National Parks. Make sure you are wearing PPE when using saws or anything else regulated by the USFS. In order to protect the organizations, we are urged to post a disclaimer on our websites stating any photos we post may not necessarily reflect the rules or policies of USFS or BCHA.
- Bikes in the Wilderness Bill - Bike riders have been doing trail work and recording their hours, just as we do. They are taking this information to their state representatives to argue that they are the ones doing the work and they should have access to all the Wilderness trails. We must make our voice heard! Call or write your Congressman! Record and submit your hours! We must make our presence and preferences known!
- Bears Ears/Grand Staircase - There are bills on the floor to reduce the wilderness in these areas in order to develop more tourism industry. BCHA needs your support to help voice opposition and not let this happen!
- Funding - Please try to pass along the \$5/month cards. BCHA is in need of increased funding, every dollar counts! Our current lobbyist is retiring soon. In order to keep our voice heard in Washington, BCHA may need to create a full or part time paid position for a new lobbyist. Encourage new memberships, even if they are the silent type. Every member counts as a voice for us.

June Meeting – Wednesday, 6/14 at 6:30pm - Vet Clinic and Brand Inspector - We will be meeting at the Smithfield Fairgrounds. Dr. Karl Hoopes and Chris Chambers will be discussing what documents you need to have when traveling with your horses. In addition to the discussion, they will also be providing their services that evening. Dr. Hoopes will be doing the tests and paperwork for Health Certificates and Coggins tests. Chris Chambers will be assisting with brand inspection paperwork. We are opening this event to non-members in hopes of attracting new members. Invite those you know that might benefit from this information. We are also encouraging people to bring any horses they would like these services performed for. In order for our speakers to be prepared, please RSVP with how many horses you will be bringing to the meeting with you. You can do so by email, text, or on the Facebook event that has been posted.

- To get to the fairgrounds, turn West on 100 North in Smithfield. At 800 West, turn left (south) and the fairgrounds are about a block down.
- Those who plan on going on the Yellowstone trip will need to make sure all these things are done for every horse you plan on bringing. The test results are usually back in 7 days, so they will be on time for the trip.
- This meeting will be in lieu of our normally scheduled meeting, which would have been on 6/8.

- **PRICES** for the services are as follows:
 - Coggins = \$20; Health Certificate = \$7.50; West Nile Vaccine Combo = \$40; Flu/Rhino = \$35
 - Brand Inspection Prices –
 - One way trip, good for 72 hours, not good for return trip = \$1.00
 - Annual Permit, for one calendar year only = \$15.00
 - Lifetime Permit, valid until horse is sold = \$25.00
 - Duplicate Lifetime Permit, Lifetime Permit Transfer = \$10.00

Trail Work - Some trail work has already been done. These are the trails that have been worked on so far. If you have done any work or recon rides, please get that information turned in to Heather asap!

- Smithfield Dry - About 2-3 miles cleared
- Willow Creek - 6 miles cleaned
- High Creek Update - The Forest Service will send in Hot Shots to repair the road and remove fallen trees. Once that is done, we can go in and work on the trails. There are several downed trees that need to be cleaned up.

Work Hours Report

- Any work hours to submit? Please include any time you spent for the Rendezvous, mileage, etc.! Kelly will get his hours and mileage for procuring the state display for the Rendezvous to Heather.
- New Work Hours Report – Please take a sheet and write down anything you do that is BBCH related. We need to be reporting more activity!
- When you are out there working on a project, please be sure to record the following to be reported on the work hours:
 - Names of all participants, even if not BBCH members
 - Activity date, including if the activity spanned multiple days
 - Hours spent on the work activity, like how long was your ride or activity
 - Travel time involved, such as drive time to and from the work site
 - Mileage driven, and estimated miles of trail covered
 - Number of stock used, count all riding and pack animals
- Please bring your sheets to every meeting so we can record the information and it is not lost. Heather will have new sheets any time you need them. They can be emailed as well.
- These hours reports go to the state and the USFS and show our involvement and gain resources and support for us. The more we report, the more we get back in government support!!
- **Remember, even recon rides count!!**

Additional Business

- Thanks again to Bill and Connie Nickoli for hosting our BBQ last month! David Ashby was impressed by the turnout. Let's keep our activity up!
- **If you have not signed a new release form and paid 2017 dues, please do that asap!** Please forward this information to friends who might be interested in joining.
- **BCHA brochures are available for passing out** to potential new members! If you would like some, please talk to Heather or Kelly. We can also make single page cards to pass along when you are out on the trails.
- Our **Summer Social** is currently scheduled for June 23-25 at the Franklin Basin corrals.

Action Items

- Kelly Pitcher will schedule the vet and the brand inspector for our clinic. He will also get information on prices.
- Heather Dye will add a disclaimer to our Facebook page for our photos.
- Heather will be setting up a mass text system to get out meeting and activity reminders by text. This has been requested by some members. If you do NOT want to be on the list, please let Heather know.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS CALENDAR – PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!!

More details will be given as events get closer

May 27th Group trail ride. Location TBA. Watch your email, text, and FaceBook!
June 14th Vet and Brand Inspector Clinic - 6:30pm at the Smithfield Fairgrounds.
June 23-25 Summer Social at Franklin Basin corrals.
June 30-July 3 Yellowstone camp and ride trip!
July 13th Monthly meeting TBA
August 4-8 Uintah Spirit Lake camp and ride trip!
August 10th Monthly meeting TBA

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm

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